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MINUTES OF THE GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AREA STAFF MEETING, 28 JANUARY 1957

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2. **Career Preference Outline and Competitive Promotion Panel**

ORR will carry out the preparation of Career Preference Outlines exactly as the program is set up. The outlines will be accomplished at the time of the preparation of fitness reports, commencing with those for grades 11 and 12. In the case of the Competitive Promotion Panel, also newly directed, ORR will abide by the spirit of the regulation, but will implement it through the existing Career Service Board rather than a separate panel.

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4. **Listing of Imminent Professional Meetings**

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   b. Middle East Institute -- March 1957

   c. American Congress of Surveying and Mapping, American Photogrammetric Society -- March 1957

   d. IGU Congress, Tokyo -- August-September 1957

   e. Pan-Pacific Congress, Bangkok -- October 1957

5. **Operations During Absence of Ch/G**

25X1A9a   ████████ D/GC, will be Acting Chief of the Area; ████████, 25X1A9a
SA to Ch/G, will handle routine actions.

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*8. **D/GG Plans and Programs for 1957**

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███████ reported that D/GG plans the following for 1957:

a. Complete the reorganization of the division.

b. Resolve the problem of NIS Chapter IX production, principally through inducing Army to simplify its controls on the AMS contribution.

c. Develop with DD/P an improvement of area selections in the Unconventional Warfare Program. At present, substantial manhours of research may be wasted because of the withdrawal of a selection after work has already commenced on it.

d. Develop a set routine to regulate and stimulate the production of GM's. In this context, it was noted that the Geographic Intelligence Review has profited from the GM program in that ideas generated but found unsuitable for the latter are generally suitable for the former.

The group also discussed the possibility of working simple maps in with the running text of reports so as to get ideas across more easily and thoroughly.

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